


WORK STANDARD	 Saskatchewan Health Authority		Name of Activity: Admission, In Facility Placement and Discontinuing COVID-19 Precautions Role performing Activity: Nursing and Physicians
	Location: All	Department/Unit: All Inpatient Units	
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	Related Policies/Documentation CV-19 A0001 COVID-19 Acute Care Placement and Precautions Algorithm CV-19 A0002 and CV-19 WS0024 Modification of Precautions for COVID Negative Inpatients and Residents		

Work Standard Summary: This Work Standard outlines the process for placement of patients who meet criteria for placement of Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions as well as discontinuing precautions for COVID-19 negative patients.

The **decision to place patients on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions will be based on the results of the screening tool.** Awaiting test results is not an indication for precautions.

NOTE: Bed Placement Team refers to local department that allocates beds for a facility (e.g. Bedline, ACAL, etc.).

Essential Tasks:	
1.	GOVERNMENT OF SASKATCHEWAN COVID-19 WEBSITE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the Government of Saskatchewan COVID-19 website at minimum daily for the most up to date information and guidelines for healthcare providers.
2.	Offer COVID-19 testing to ALL patients being admitted for a stay greater than 24 hours. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide rationale and patient teaching related to testing requirements.
3.	Screen all patients on admission using SHA 002 – Inpatient, Outpatient and Continuing Care Screening Form . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The screening form will remain on patient’s health record. Forms can be accessed at website listed in #1.
4.	Use the screening tool to make decisions about placing patient on Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions. Refer to CV-19 A0001 Acute Care Placement and Precautions Algorithm .
5.	If a patient is showing new or changing ILI symptoms suggestive of a COVID-19, complete SHA 002 – Inpatient, Outpatient and Continuing Care Screening Form . The screening form will remain on patient’s health record. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to CV-19 A0001 Acute Care Placement and Precautions Algorithm. Forms can be accessed at website listed in #1.

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6.	<p><u>SCREENING</u> - (refer to screening form)</p> <p>Asymptomatic and Screens Negative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow Routine Practices while waiting for test results. • Monitor for symptoms. <p>Asymptomatic and Screens Positive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place on Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions. • Place in private room (if private room not possible, place in shared room with other asymptomatic patients that meet the same screening criteria). • Continue to monitor for signs and symptoms for 14 days after exposure/return from travel. <p>Symptomatic and Screens Positive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place patient on Droplet and Contact Plus Precautions. • If AGMP required, wear N95 and place patient in airborne infection isolation room or private room with door closed. • Test for COVID-19, if not already tested.
7.	<p><u>SWABBING of patients</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swab all patients on admission. Patient consent is required. • Patient remains on unit where screening and swabbing occurred until swab results are back. There is no need to transfer to a COVID specific ward unless proven to be COVID-19 POSITIVE. Note: If the swab is taken in the Emergency Department, the patient may be transferred to the appropriate unit as determined by the physician and not remain in the department for the results to come back. • Use the screening tool to make decisions about placing patient on Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions. Refer to CV-19 A0001 Acute Care Placement and Precautions Algorithm. • Results of the swab will be available in eViewer.
8.	<p><u>LABORATORY TESTING:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information related to COVID19 testing is on the Government of Saskatchewan website: • Complete SHA 0055 COVID-19 Pandemic Requisition per local facility process - either paper or SCM (COVID-19 Order) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enter name, HSN, Date of Birth in the “Patient Name and Address” Box or addressograph. ○ Fill in the “Collection Date and Time” ○ Initial box for “nasopharyngeal swab” and then below: • Specimens: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Label the specimen with the patient’s: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Full first and last name ▪ Unique patient Identifier (HSN) or Date of Birth ▪ Date and time of Collection ▪ Initials of person who collected the sample (preferred) ○ Follow local process for submitting specimen to lab. ○ Practitioner clinical assessment is required to determine if a test is STAT (immediate need) or URGENT (second prioritization of processing).

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9.	<p>RESULTS POSITIVE (SWAB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient under investigation (PUI) in a non-COVID area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Contact local Bed Placement Team for transfer to area designated area for COVID patients. If COVID designated area is not available, follow local process for COVID patients. ○ Transfer patient to COVID unit patient following the Work Standard, CV-19 WS0011 Transfer and Temporary location for patient with Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions. ● Patient under investigation (PUI) in a COVID designated area will remain in that area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue/place on Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions for 14 days following symptom onset or 48hrs after symptoms significantly resolve, whichever is later. ○ If asymptomatic, continue/place on Droplet/Contact Plus Precautions for 14 days following date of specimen collection. ○ If patient ready for discharge or leaves against medical advice (AMA) prior to the end of precautions, notify local Public Health or after hours fax information to local Public Health Office. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Health will require the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient Name, Contact Information, HSN, Date of Birth, Date of Symptom onset or diagnosis, Date of discharge. ● Patient is to remain on home isolation until cleared by Public Health. ○ Upon discharge, provide monitoring instructions as directed by MRP. ● Removal of precautions should be made in consultation with the most responsible physician (MRP).
10.	<p>RESULTS NEGATIVE (SWAB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patient under investigation (PUI) in non-COVID Designated area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow CV-19 A0002 Modification of Precautions for COVID Negative Inpatients and Residents and CV-19 WS0024 Modification of Precautions for COVID Negative Inpatients and Residents. ○ Upon discharge, provide monitoring instructions as directed by MRP. ● Patient under investigation (PUI) in a COVID Designated area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Follow CV-19 A0002 Modification of Precautions for COVID Negative Inpatients and Residents and CV-19 WS0024 Modification of Precautions for COVID Negative Inpatients and Residents. ○ Follow normal process to transfer patient off unit, per practitioner order and contact local Bed Placement Team as required.

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ROOMMATE EXPOSURE:

Patient in shared room develops new or worsening respiratory symptoms utilize [SHA 002 – Inpatient, Outpatient and Continuing Care Screening Form](#) to determine next steps.

- Patient screens **NEGATIVE** - manage as clinically indicated in consultation with the MRP.
- Patient screens **POSITIVE**:
 - Place a procedure mask on the **screened** patient under investigation, transfer them to a private room and place on **Droplet and Contact Plus** Precautions.
 - Contact local Bed Placement Team to have previous bed location closed. The bed is to remain closed until the nasopharyngeal swab of the patient under investigation (PUI) is returned.
 - Call local Infection Prevention and Control team to inform them that there has been a roommate(s) exposure, and have them communicate the patient under investigations (PUI) results back to housing unit when available.
- The roommate(s) of the patient under investigation will remain in hospital and on Unit until the result from the patient under investigation (PUI) is completed.
 - If the roommate ready for discharge or leaves against medical advice (AMA) **prior to the end of precautions**, notify local Public Health or after hours fax information to local Public Health Office.
 - Public Health will require the following information:
 - Patient Name, Contact Information, HSN, Date of Birth, Date of Symptom onset or diagnosis, Date of discharge.
 - Patient is to remain on home isolation until cleared by Public Health.
- Patients Under Investigations SWAB return **NEGATIVE**
 - Monitor for symptoms during in-facility stay.
 - No further investigation is required.
 - Roommates are cleared.
- Patients Under Investigations SWAB returns **POSITIVE**
 - Screen roommates utilizing [SHA 002 – Inpatient, Outpatient and Continuing Care Screening Form](#) and follow steps above, starting at step 6.